

Jainti forest ranges, which are still comparatively rich in flora, semi-evergreen by nature, be declared as a Nature or Biosphere Reserve. The only redeeming feature is that Buxa forest has been selected by the W. Bengal Govt. for its second Tiger Project, covering an area of 600 sq. km. This project is awaiting approval and sanction of funds from the Centre. However, it is not known whether this area includes the hilly tracts in the northern part of Buxa division or the plains area in the south.

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42. ORCHIDS NEWLY DISCOVERED AND ADDED TO THE ORCHIDACEAE FROM INDIA

India having multivariated plant habitats including those of climatic extremes and having frontiers with countries like Pakistan, China, Nepal and Burma on the Himalayan range

has been a continual and potential source of new plant species. Orchidaceae being rated as the largest flowering plant family in India and because of systematic plant exploration pro-

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grammes during the past few decades has many new species added to its tally since the last 25 years. These new species have been reported in different journals and for facility in the general review of the whole family they are compiled and enumerated in the following list with their respective localities.

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